

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-18 and 21 are presently active in this case. Claims 20 and 22 were cancelled by a preliminary amendment. The present Amendment cancels Claim 19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

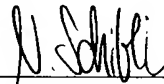
The outstanding Office Action rejected Claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1-18 and 21 were allowed.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter. In response to the rejection of Applicants' independent Claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 101, this claim is herewith cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-18 and 21 is earnestly solicited.

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